

Working to bring economic development and jobs through investment in transportation infrastructure, Rep. Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) fought for and secured **\$250,000 that will go towards the construction of a multi-modal transportation center in Normal, IL**

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"As we work to rebuild our economy and expand economic opportunities throughout Illinois, it is projects like this that will bring the jobs and development our communities need" said Halvorson. "This facility will not only provide the immediate benefit of better connecting neighborhoods within Normal, through bus lines and pedestrian walkways, it will help us better connect the region to the entire Midwest as we develop high-speed rail throughout the state and country."

The multi-modal facility will provide the public with a safe terminal for eight transportation modes, including the city bus system, inter-city and charter buses, Amtrak service to Chicago and St. Louis, airport shuttles, taxis, park and ride facilities, and pedestrian connections to the downtown and ISU campus. The funding will be delivered through an appropriation secured by Halvorson in the recently passed Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010, H.R.3288, which provides funding for a number of agencies and projects that help people throughout the 11th District. Halvorson worked closely with Bloomington-Normal's One Voice, which has advocated strongly for this project.

"The EDC is fortunate to have a congressional delegation that understands what this community needs. In particular, Congresswoman Halvorson has been very accommodating and helpful, not only in procuring dollars that come back to the community, but in guiding the One Voice process. I strongly value the relationship between One Voice and Congresswoman Halvorson," said Marty Vanags, Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington Normal Area.

H.R.3288 passed the Senate over the weekend and now goes to the President for his signature.